



Docket No. MCP-291

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : KULKARNI et al.
Serial No. : 10/001,733
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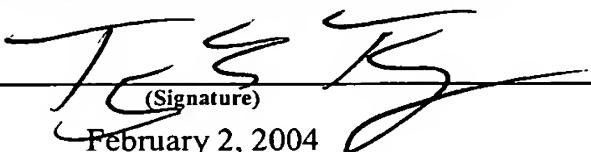
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RESPONSE TO NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

The shortened statutory period for responding to the December 16, 2003 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment ended on January 16, 2003. Accordingly, a petition for a one-month extension of time is submitted concurrently herewith. With this extension, the due date for responding to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment will be February 16, 2004.

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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- Amendments to the Specification** begin on page _____ of this paper.
- Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.
- Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page _____ of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet(s).
- Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.